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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

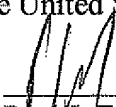
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The references were cited in a Supplementary European Search Report dated November 30, 2007. Applicant is submitting copies of the above-cited references required by 37 C.F.R. §1.98 (a)(2)(i) and (ii), together with a copy of the Search Report. The relevance of the above-identified references has been described in the Search Report.

The undersigned attorney hereby states that each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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